As intimated by the State Government, following amounts have been provided to R.S. Pura block during the last three years under BADP:

Year	Rs. in lakh
2003-04	121.38
2004-05	209.67
2005-06	366.69

Shortage of camels with battalions of BSF

†3416. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of camels with the battalions of Border Security Force deployed at Rajasthan border and supplies to the soldiers are being affected due to this;

(b) if so, the reasons for this situation; and

(c) the action Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) There is at present a deficiency of camels with BSF Battalions deployed on Rajasthan Border. However, supplies to soldiers are not affected due to this shortage because camels are not used for carrying goods.

(c) Proposal to enhance the existing price ceiling per camel is under formulation in BSF so that good breeds of camels can be procured.

Freedom Fighters' Pension Scheme

3417. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many freedom fighters' are benefited from Freedom Fighters' Pension Scheme since its inception, State-wise;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) how many applications are pending before Government of India, State-wise; and

(c) what are the reasons for keeping in pending the applications accepted by screening committee and State Government in case of Telengana freedom fighters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Since the inception of the Scheme in 1972 to date, pension has been sanctioned to about 1,69,959 freedom fighters and their eligible dependents. A statement indicating the State-wise details is enclosed (*See* below).

(b) Presently, only about 192 State reports (including those pertaining to the Hyderabad Liberation Movement) are in process. The State-wise details are as follows:

Andhra Pradesh	:	174
Tamil Nadu	:	01
Kerala	:	17

While efforts are made to dispose off State reports expeditiously, no time-frame can be indicated therefor.

(c) Government of Andhra Pradesh, on receipt of large-scale complaints (like bogus freedom fighters, under-aged persons, bogus date of birth certificates, false certificates in support of claims, etc.) ordered the State's Vigilance and Enforcement Department (in July and November 2005) to conduct detailed enquiries into the claims of freedom fighters in four Districts (Karimnagar, Khammam, Nalgonda and Warangal). Pending the final findings in these vigilance enquiries, the final sanction of pension in the said four Districts was ordered (on 2.12.2005) to be kept in abeyance. An internal investigation was conducted in the Ministry, in which large-scale irregularities and illegalities came to notice. Pending an appropriate decision, after due consideration, at the appropriate level, in the matter, final sanction of pension in all Districts was ordered (on 25-1-2006) to be kept in abeyance.

Statement

State-wise details of Freedom Fighters' Pension Scheme

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	No. of Pensions Sanctioned
1.	Andhra Pradesh	14,572
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0
3.	Assam	4,437
4.	Bihar	24,870
5.	Goa	1,425
6.	Gujarat	3,591
7.	Haryana	1,684
8.	Himachal Pradesh	617
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	1,806
10.	Karnataka	10,082
11.	Kerala	3,184
12.	Madhya Pradesh	3,465
13.	Maharashtra	17,581
14.	Manipur	62
15.	Meghalaya	86
16.	Mizoram	04
17.	Nagaland	03
18.	Orissa	4,188
19.	Punjab	7,005
20.	Rajasthan	808
21.	Tami Nadu	4,098
22.	Tripura	887
23.	Uttar Pradesh	17,990
24.	West Bengal	22,479
25.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	03
26.	Chandigarh	89
27.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	83
28.	Daman & Diu	33
29.	NCT of Delhi	2,043
30.	Pondicherry	317
31.	Indian National Army (INA)	22,467
	TOTAL:	1,69,959